

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

April 6, 2009

## CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on April 2, 2009, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Richard Gabler, Jr., Sean Gabler, Richard Dornisch, and City Manager David Greene

## VISITORS

Visitors included: Fred Haas, Warren Stewart, Joe Bologna, Victor Straub, Richard Sadley, Doug Johnson, Tina Gradizzi, and Matt Pfeufer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
March 16, 2009

Richard Gabler made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2009. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok. Richard Gabler noted that the Electronic Recycling date should be March 21st not April 21st. All were in favor to approve the minutes with the date change.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
Award of Bids:  
Equipment Services

Manager Greene stated awarding of the bid for "Equipment Services" was tabled during the last Council meeting. Mr. Greene read a memo from Michael Mullaney, Public Works Director, which clarified the bid specifications, particularly whether this bid should be a line item bid. Mr. Mullaney stated bids that are solicited as line items state so within the specifications. The bid for "Equipment Services" did not state so.

Mr. Mullaney explained coordination of contractors on the Eberl Street Bridge project is a major concern with several different contractors on site. He noted what happens if one bidder is operating his excavator and needs to dispose of material and the other bidder doesn't have his trucks available for two hours? Having on-site coordination with three to four contractors is not practical.

Mr. Mullaney recommended the bid for Equipment Services be awarded to the overall average lowest responsible bidder, Bucktail Excavators.

Thomas Farley made a motion to award the bid to Bucktail Excavators, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

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## Stone Bids

The following six bids for stone were opened during a public meeting held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall:

**New Enterprise Stone, New Enterprise, PA**

2a color (gray) .....\$17.05/ton  
 2rc color (brown).....\$17.05/ton  
 #3.....\$20.80/ton  
 Anti-skid.....\$19.80/ton  
 1b.....\$19.80/ton  
 2b.....\$19.30/ton

**Hanson Aggregates, Boalsburg, PA**

2a color (gray).....\$16.60/ton  
 2rc color (brown).....\$16.60/ton  
 #3.....\$19.50/ton  
 Anti-skid.....\$16.70/ton  
 1b.....\$17.75/ton  
 2b.....\$16.90/ton

**Bucktail Excavators, St. Marys, PA**

2a color (gray).....\$14.15/ton  
 2rc color (brown).....\$14.15/ton  
 #3.....\$17.90/ton  
 Anti-skid.....\$16.90/ton  
 1b.....\$16.90/ton  
 2b.....\$16.40/ton

**Mike Beaver Trucking, Ridgway, PA**

2a color (gray).....\$13.68/ton  
 2rc color (brown).....\$13.68/ton  
 #3.....\$17.43/ton  
 Anti-skid.....\$16.43/ton  
 1b.....\$16.43/ton  
 2b.....\$15.93/ton

**Woodland Equipment, Woodland, PA**

2a color (gray).....\$13.70/ton  
 2rc color (brown).....\$13.20/ton  
 #3.....\$18.14/ton  
 Anti-skid.....\$16.20/ton  
 1b.....\$16.20/ton  
 2b.....\$15.70/ton

Steve Samick, Street Superintendent, recommended the bids for stone be awarded to the following:

- **Mike Beaver Trucking** 2a at \$13.68/ton and #3 at \$17.43/ton
- **Woodland Equipment** 2rc at \$13.20/ton Anti-skid at \$16.20/ton, 1b at \$16.20/ton, and 2b at \$15.70/ton

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Richard Dornish made a motion to award the bids for stone, per recommendation, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

Pipe  
Bids

The following three bids were opened for pipe, catch basins, risers, etc. during a public meeting held on March 31, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall:

**Catalone Pipe, Penfield, PA** - various sizes/prices  
**Keystone Pipe, St. Marys, PA** - various sizes/prices  
**Chemung Supply, Elmira, NY** - No bids submitted

Steven Samick, Street Superintendent, recommended the bid for pipe, catch basins, risers, etc. be awarded to the low bidder Catalone Pipe and Supply of Penfield.

Dennis Nero made a motion to award the bid for pipe to Catalone Pipe and Supply. The motion was seconded by Thomas Farley.

Richard Dornisch questioned the non-available sizes. Manager noted another size would have to be used.

All were in favor to award the bid for pipe to Catalone Pipe and Supply.

Dust Control  
Bids

The following two bids for dust control were opened during a public meeting held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall:

**Jefferson Paving, Brookville, PA**

E2/E3.....\$1.818 per gallon  
MC70.....\$2.818 per gallon  
MC30.....\$2.818 per gallon

**Whitaker Roads, Clearfield, PA**

E2/E3.....\$1.90 per gallon  
MC70.....\$2.98 per gallon  
MC30.....\$2.98 per gallon

Steve Samick recommended that the bids for Dust Control be awarded to Jefferson Paving for the E2/E3, MC70, and MC30.

Sean Gabler made a motion to award the bids for Dust Control to Jefferson Paving, per recommendation, seconded by Richard Gabler, and all were in favor.



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**Consider for Publication**

Ordinance No. 251  
re: Increasing City's  
Indebtedness for  
Street Department  
Equipment  
(\$150,000.)

Ordinance No. 251 was presented increasing the indebtedness of the City, by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$150,000. for sundry purposes; fixing the form, number, date, interest, and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required document; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof. The purpose of the loan is to purchase a maximizer II Gold Oil Distributor and a 2009 GMC Sierra 350HD Truck with a muncie hydraulic system for the Street Department.

Manager Greene stated a memo was received from Carol Muhitch, Finance Director, recommending the loan proposal from CNB Bank be approved by Council with a fixed tax free rate of 4.81%.

Mayor Sally Geyer made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 251, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor, except Sean Gabler who abstained.

**2009 American  
Recovery and  
Reimbursement  
Act (ARRA)**

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, explained a portion of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has allowed the City to receive additional 2009 CDBG funding to be administered in accordance with Act 179. The City will received \$93,960.

The ARRA requires that DCED give priority to applications proposing to use the funds for eligible projects that can award contracts within 120 days from the date funds are made available based on competitive bids. The projects are to be submitted with the City's 2009 CDBG application.

Ms. Gradizzi recommended that the funding be used for the installation of underground utilities on Depot Street. This project is estimated at \$84,000. and the remaining allocation could be used for administration. Ms. Gradizzi asked Council for their approval of the Depot Street Project.

Richard Dornisch asked if this meeting is considered the required public meeting? Ms. Gradizzi responded yes.

Steve Skok made a motion to approve the Depot St. Project for the additional CDBG money, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

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## 2005 HOME Program

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, has 2005 HOME Program funds remaining for projects before opening the 2007 HOME funding. When the City submitted their 2005 HOME application, 20 projects were anticipated to be completed and requested \$20,000. in soft dollar costs. The City anticipates closing out the 2005 HOME grant by completing 25 projects. The City needs to adjust its current HOME budget figures as follows:

	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Changes</u>
Project Costs.....	\$370,100.	\$365,100.
Administration.....	\$ 24,900.	\$ 24,900.
Soft Dollar Costs....	\$ 20,000.	\$ 25,000.

Ms. Gradizzi stated in order for the City to request an adjustment to the 2005 HOME Grant budget, DCED is requesting approval from City Council.

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the HOME adjustment program for 2005, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Victor Straub,  
Chairman of the  
St. Marys Area  
Airport Authority

Victor Straub, Chairman of the St. Marys Airport Authority, was present to bring Council up-to-date on the current financial situation at the airport. Mr. Straub explained some of the following reasons for the airport's financial problems: the airport had a decrease in corporate traffic which affects fuel sales; airport lost business to DuBois because there was no adequate lounge. The airport now has the facilities but there is no traffic; decrease in private flying and weather conditions this past winter; airport purchased fuel when prices were high, now prices have dropped; the industrial lots that have been developed in the Airport Industrial Park are not selling as quickly as the Authority hoped; harsh winter required more fuel and maintenance; high renovation cost for the restaurant; loss of two hangar tenants; repair of the automatic weather observation system. The airport received a grant for a new updated weather system, so repair costs were lost; increased cost of utilities and supplies; cost to pump the sewage holding tank; and because of the areas' financial conditions, the airport no longer receives the strong financial support, it had in the past, from businesses and industries.



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Mr. Straub then explained the following steps the airport is taking to help with finances: Maintenance Supervisor was temporarily laid-off; the Airport Manager accepted partial retirement; the possible basing of a turbo-prop aircraft starting May 1st.; National Fuel credit reader (this will give the pilots 24 hours access to fuel); AWOS upgrades (to be completed in the near future); new snow removal truck (paid for by a grant); an individual has expressed interest in leasing the old administration terminal building; Industrial Park Lots for sale (\$3,000. per acre); two hangars may be rented soon; not having to pay a sewage holding tank fee since the sewer system was installed; and with summer approaching, increased activities and fuel sales.

Victor Straub stated two grants are pending, DCED for \$25,000. and RBEG for \$30,000. He asked Council for a \$30,000. temporary loan to help the cash flow at the airport and for the release of the \$26,250. which is in the City's budget.

Manager Greene noted that if the airport fails, the City would be responsible for repaying FAA for grant dollars invested in the airport for the past ten years.

Joseph Bologna,  
Airport Manager

Joseph Bologna, Airport Manager, was also present to answer Councils' questions and address their concerns. Mr. Bologna felt that the airport would not ever be self-sufficient without corporate aircraft.

Sean Gabler felt something has to be done and made a suggestion that the City lend \$270,000. from its Capital Reserve Fund to the airport. The loan would be for 15 years with interest. He calculated 3% interest over 15 years would give the airport one monthly payment of \$2,200. He noted his proposal was simply an idea to be discussed and that he was not making an offer to the airport.

After a very lengthy discussion, no decisions were made but it was suggested that a proposal be drawn-up.

Sign Ordinance

Manager Greene stated the Sign Ordinance will be addressed at tomorrow night's Planning Commission Meeting.

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Thomas Farley questioned 315.1 Item 7 of the Sign Ordinance which states "No sign shall be of the intermittent flashing or rotating type". He asked what is considered a rotating sign and that the St. Marys Area High School's sign right along the highway rotates, flashes, and the banner goes around and around.

Matthew Pfeufer,  
Code Enforcement  
Officer

Matthew Pfeufer, City's Code Enforcement Officer, who was present, stated the St. Marys Area High School sign permit showed that the sign was not supposed to flash and they are currently in violation.

Thomas Farley also questioned Item 8 which states "No sign located within 300 feet of any traffic signal shall be illuminated with red, green, or yellow lights or neon tubing" Matthew Pfeufer felt the school was also in violation of Item 8. He felt the reasoning behind No. 8 is so the sign is not confused with a traffic signal. He was hoping the School District would reprogram the sign to correct these issues. He added signs are allowed to change lettering but cannot flash repetitively.

Richard Dornisch expressed his concerns regarding the Sign Ordinance. He met with downtown merchants who are very upset with the ordinance. Mr. Dornisch also expressed his displeasure of the way the City handled the situation.

Dennis Nero stated the City's Code Enforcement Officer was just doing his job and if Mr. Dornisch wants to change an ordinance, he knows how to do it.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dennis Nero stated this past Saturday night he had the opportunity to ride with our local Police Department. The officers explained how they received donations from businesses for the tasers and the Police dog. Mr. Nero also thanked Chief Caltagarone and the two Officers, D. J. Marconi and Gregg McManus, who he rode with the most, and noted they are excellent Police Officers.

Tina Gradizzi,  
Recycling Coordinator

Tina Gradizzi made the following announcements:

- The medicine Collection held last Saturday was a success.
- On April 18th, there will be electronics recycling plus collection of plastics Nos. 1 & 2, and also a tire collection.

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- The compost site on Wilson Road is open.
- The City's Spring Clean-up day will be held May 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- May 30th, there will be a hazardous waste collection at the Keystone Parking lot.
- The Kaulmont Park Committee has nominated the basketball courts at Kaulmont Park to receive funding from the Kelloggs Grant. If anyone is interested or has questions, please call Tina at City Hall, Ext. 225. She will also have instructions on the City's web site by the end of the week.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- City's Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

## Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Geyer read and signed a Proclamation for the Shade Tree Commission declaring April 24, 2009 as "Arbor Day". A ceremony will be held on April 24th at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

## ADJOURNMENT

Richard Gabler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor

Shirley Dicklas  
Recording Secretary